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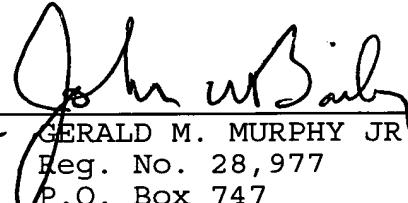
The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

Claims 9-10 have been amended and claims 12-15 added to remove improper multiple dependences in the original claims.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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